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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 17, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 17, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on November 17, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.